(c) the amount of World Bank aid that is expected for the power sector including public and private sector during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Prviate Sector participation in power projects is being encouraged by the Govt, inter-alia, to bridge the resource-gap of proposed capacity addition in the Vill Plan and beyond and not becuase of any cobjtionialities imposed by the World Bank.

(b) World Bank has given certain suggestions to improve the financial health of the power sector, which include achieving a minimum rate of return by the power utilities, reduc-dng the outstanding dues of the Central Sector Power Utilities to an average of three months' billing and introduction of a rational tariff structure.

(c) A provision of Rs. 1567.50 cro-res of external assistance has been made in the budget esitmates for the Ministry of Power for 1993-94 which includes the World Bank credit.

Guidelines for Foreign Companies to Power Sector

2630. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the foreign invests ments in power projects in India are being permitted by Government;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines" to be followed in this regard by foreign invetsors;

(c) whether Government propose to allow the foreign investors to fix; the electricity tariff to be paid by the consumers and whether they will be allowed to take up the distribution of power to the consumers;

(d) if BO. what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons for allowing the foreign investors in our pro* jects, while the countries like Malaysia invite our Public Sector Undertakings like BHEL, to take up the power project in their countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines to be followed would be as per details which are enunciated under the scheme to encourage greater participation by private companies in the electricity generation, supply and distribuiton field under which upto 100 per cent foreign equity participation can be permitted for projects set up by foreign private investors in the power sector.

(c) and (d) The fixation of tariff for private companies, including foreign private companies, would be as provided for in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and Notifications thereunder.

(e) The objective of the policy to encourage greater participation by private enterprisee in the electricity sector is to tap additionality of resources for the capacity addition programme, both in generation and disr tributfon.

GAS/COAL requirement of Power Statons in Orissa

2831. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of coal and gas for the power statoins in Orissa;

(b) what Is the linage sanctioned against the requirements during the last two years; and

(c) whether any power cut has been imposed in Orissa for want of i coal or gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Requirement of coal by the thermal power station of Orissa, viz. Talcher, as per generation target of 1300 million units during the year 1992-93 is 1118000 tonnes. Linkage for the year 1991-92 was 1140000 tonnes and for the year 1992-93 it is 1200000 tonnes.

There is no gas based power plant in Orissa.

(c) Does not arise as no gfctaeration loss for want of coal has been reported by the State Electricity Board.

Non-settlement of dues on account of Coal by Power Projects

2632. SHRI SIVAJIRAO GIRI-DHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(ia) whether it is a fact that the power projects have been put into financial crisis due to non-settlement of "excess payment" claims by the coal companies on coal supply under Cash and Carry Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a tussle going on between the Ministries of Power and Coal on this issue; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to overcome the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Power Stations have reported delay in adjustment of advance payments in excess of final bill based on actual quantity and quality of coal received. There has also been disputes about the quality of coal received and procedure of joint sampling on coal

(c) Planning Commission has set up a Committee to look into the problems.

विद्युत के पारेषण और वितरण में हानि का उच्च प्रतिशत

2633. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा पारेषण और वितरण के दौरान होने वाली विद्युत हानि को घटाने के लिए किए गए प्रयासों के बावजूद हानि प्रतिशत अभी भी 23 प्रतिशत बना हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और हानि प्रतिशत अभी भी 23 प्रतिशत बने रहने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में स्थिति की समीक्षा की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.वी. रंगैया नायडू) : (क) और (ख) यह एक तथ्य है कि देश में पारेषण तथा वितरण हानियां लगभग 23 प्रतिशत हैं । विभिन्न राज्य बिजली बोर्डों/बिजली विभागों के सम्बन्ध में हानियों का ब्यौरा विवरण में दिया गया है ।(निचे देखिए)

विभिन्न यूटिलिटियां द्वारा विद्युत वितरण के क्षेत्र में अपर्याप्त निवेश किए जाने तथा बिजली की चोरी आदि के फलस्वरूप पारेषण तथा वितरण हानियों को अपेक्षित स्तर तक कम नहीं किया जा सका है ।

(ग) और (घ) सरकार इस समस्या की गम्भीरता को समझती है तथा राज्य बिजली बोर्डों/विद्युत विभागों को समय-समय पर प्रणाली में सुधार करने/वितरण स्कीमों को प्राथमिकता दिए जाने तथा ऊर्जा की चोरी जिसे एक संज्ञेय अपराध घोषित कर दिया गया है को रोकने के लिए